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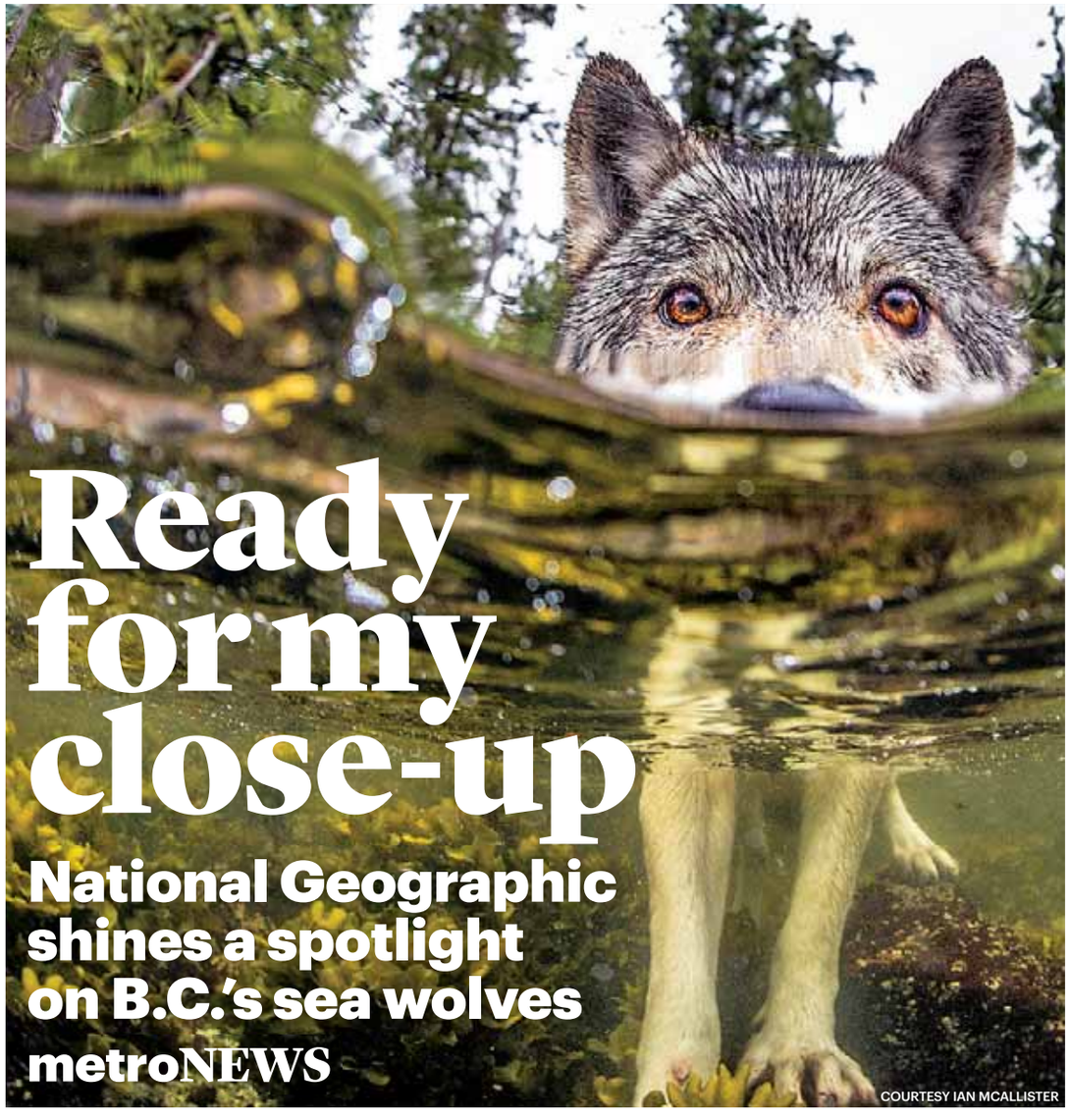

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COURTESY IAN MCALLISTER

Vancouver drops Penny

POLITICS

City manager will receive $556K to leave immediately

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Penny Ballem METRO

Vancouver's top bureaucrat, Penny Ballem, lost her job as city manager on Tuesday, with councillors voting to pay her $556,000 in severance to end her contract immediately.

At a news conference, Mayor Gregor Robertson did not single out a reason for her dismissal, but said that the city wants a "fresh approach as we look to tackle some of the city's toughest challenges."

"It's not about those specifics, it's about an overall tone and approach," he said.

Robertson said the change in leadership is part of his larger 2014 election campaign promise to listen to citizens and "do things differently." It took 10 months to do so because it's been a "challenging" year with the transit referendum and citizens concerned over the pace of change, he said.

Ballem was hired when Robertson and Vision Vancouver took control of city hall seven years ago. She was the highest paid city employee in 2014, and her critics accused her of being a micro-manager.

But Robertson praised Ballem for cleaning up the Olympic Village mess and her hard work.

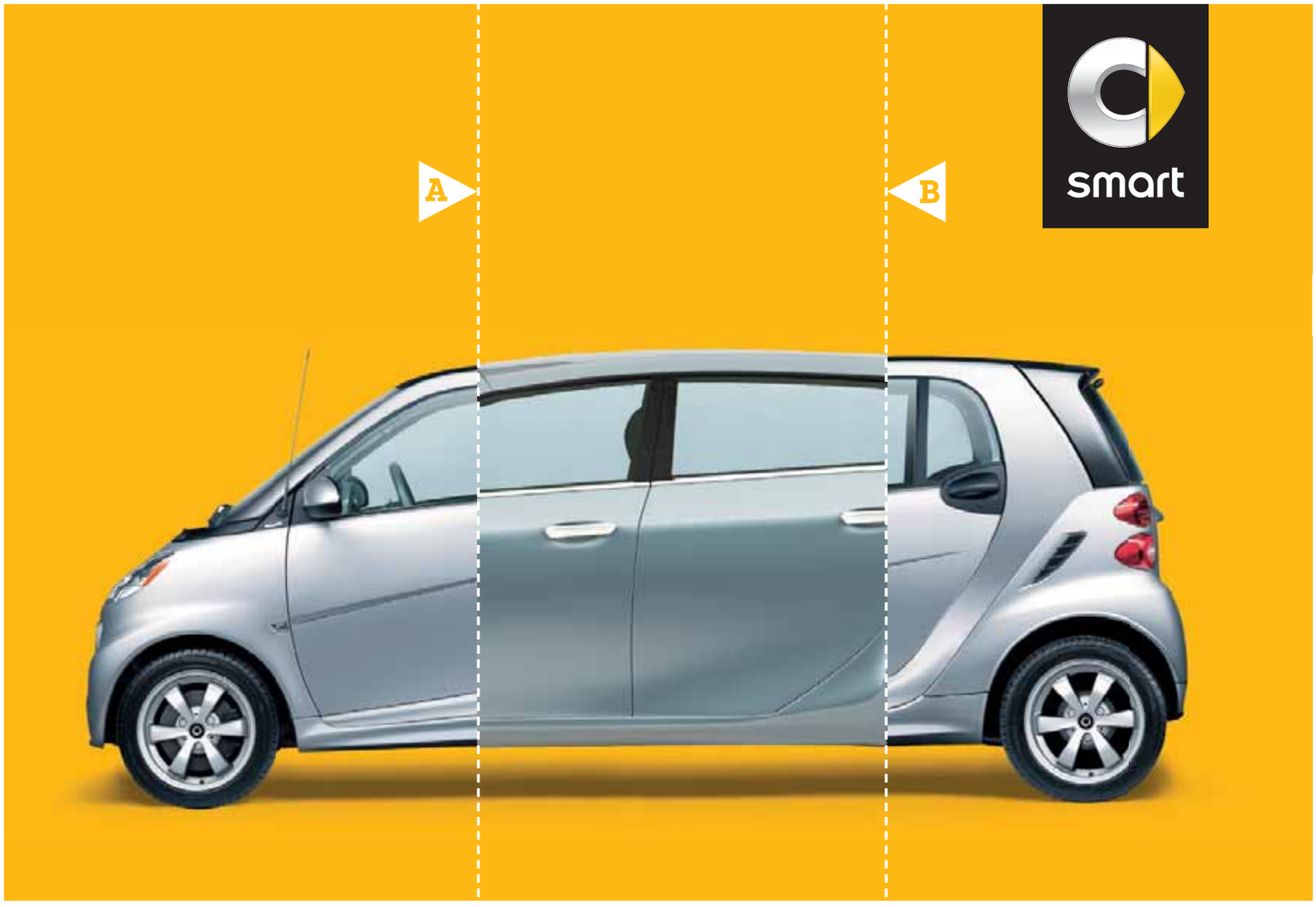
"She was a force of nature and got an enormous amount of work done at the city," he said. "She sets a very intense pace."

Still, council decided it was worth half a million dollars to pay Ballem to leave immediately instead of giving her the 20-month notice required by her contract. Ballem was aware change was afoot, Robertson said, but did not know she was leaving until Tuesday.

With Ballem's departure, four of the city's top jobs are empty. Robertson called the vacancies an opportunity for fresh ideas.

NPA Coun. George Affleck said the empty positions leave the city "rudderless" and point to "incompetence at the senior level of government."

"It's a significant departure of a brain trust at city hall that worries me," Affleck said. "Any employer should be concerned when all of their management team are gone or going."



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Program requires time-delay safes for all B.C. pharmacies

CRIME

Measures aim to deter violent robberies

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Community pharmacies across British Columbia are now required to store the bulk of narcotics in specialized safes, as part of a new program launched Tuesday by the industry's regulating body in an effort to combat violent robberies.

The B.C. College of Pharmacists says DrugSafeBC will require pharmacists to store the bulk of narcotics, including fentanyl, oxycodone, Percocet and morphine, in a time-delay safe that makes it difficult for robbers to access. The new security measures make B.C. the first jurisdiction in Canada to mandate time-delay safes for pharmacies.

The program was launched in response to a dramatic rise in robberies that were growing increasingly violent in recent years. In 2014, 40 robberies took place in pharmacies across B.C., compared to 41 so far this year. According to the college, the average pharmacy robbery takes less than two minutes, with some under 35 seconds.

"Thankfully, no one has been killed yet," Anar Dossa, the college's board chairwoman, said at a news conference Tuesday announcing the new program. "However, we know that these robberies have a negative impact on the public ... as well as the staff that work there. Some have developed post-traumatic stress disorder with devastating impact on their lives."

The B.C. College of Pharmacists now requires complex security provisions for storage of most narcotics, including fentanyl, in drug stores across the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dossa said the new security measures will not cause delays for customers getting their prescriptions filled. Pharmacists will still keep a small amount of narcotics behind the counter for their day-to-day business.

Vancouver Police Chief Const. Adam Palmer said he expects the program to have a "huge impact" both in curbing the flow of dangerous narcotics from pharmacies onto the street, as well as protecting pharmacists and the public during robberies.

Ninety-two per cent of pharmacy robberies involve weapons, he said.

"These are violent crimes," he said. "We're talking about crimes where we're seeing people armed with weapons, including guns, knives, scissors, machetes, clubs, crowbars and pepper spray."

He said the success of similar security measures in banks and convenience stores gives police hope that this program will also be successful in pharmacies. U.S. drug retailer Walgreens saw a 75 per cent decrease in robberies within six months after it introduced time-delay safes in its pharmacies in 2009, he said.

"At one time, Vancouver was one of the bank-robbery capitals of Canada," he said. "We've seen bank robberies plummet in Vancouver ... There's not much to steal any more because the money is locked in a time-delay safe."

Over the past 18 months, the B.C. College of Pharmacists has worked with pharmacists to implement the new security measures.

Pharmacies are responsible for implementing time-delay safes and covering the cost, which varies depending on the size of the store.

Signs will also be installed on pharmacy doors to inform customers and would-be thieves about the new security measures.

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Station to monitor effects of ships on killer whales

WILDLIFE

Researchers hope to find strait's top noise polluters

Emily Jackson
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Noisy ships are making it tougher for killer whales to hear each other over the ocean din, but it's not clear exactly which vessels cause the ruckus that makes it challenging for orcas to find food or stay near their pods.

In order to better understand what ships are making noise and how the sound affects whales in the Strait of Georgia — home to the endangered southern resident orca population — Port Metro Vancouver has teamed up with scientists from the University of Victoria's Ocean Networks Canada and JASCO Applied Sciences to deploy an underwater listening station.

> **That's a disaster for them; they're very social animals.**
> Tom Dakin

Orcas are having a tough time communicating, and oceangoing vessels are being blamed. COURTESY OF BEAMREACH.ORG

Data is already streaming in after the hydrophone station was set up 170 metres below the surface on Monday, said Tom Dakin, sensor technology development officer at Ocean Networks Canada, in a Tuesday interview from the boat on which the station was deployed.

It can detect commercial vessels, B.C. Ferries, fishing boats and whale watching craft, Dakin said. His hope is that after one or two years of monitoring, scientists will be able to identify the top noise polluters and replace them with quieter vessels.

Whales have already started to increase the volume of their calls to be heard over boats, Dakin said, pointing to research from the Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program.

"Unfortunately, like any of us, you can only yell so loud," he said.

Hearing is a whale's primary sense. It helps them stay in touch with pod members so they don't get split up.

"That's a disaster for them; they're very social animals," Dakin said.

He gives the port a huge amount of credit for helping with the research.

"They're going well above and beyond what they're mandated to do. They're being really good environmental stewards," he said.

In a statement, the port said it is mandated to accommodate Canada's growing trade in a sustainable way.

RESEARCH

New HIV, cancer links

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Women living with HIV face elevated risk of certain cancers, a new British Columbia study has found.

By comparing databases of the B.C. Cancer Agency and the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE), Simon Fraser University PhD student Kate Salters discovered that HIV-positive women were far more likely to be diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer, Hodgkin's lymphoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Kaposi's sarcoma.

In the case of invasive cervical cancer, the diagnosis was 24 times higher for women with HIV, said SFU professor Robert Hogg, Salters' supervisor and senior research scientist at BC-CfE.

Hogg told Metro there were some common traits found among the diagnosed women.

For example, a significant portion of the women with HIV that were also diagnosed with cancer had lapses in their HIV treatment the year before.

"Most of them were people who had not adhered to their therapy and were not able to maintain a low viral load," he said. "There needs to be more awareness of the elevated risk and the importance of remaining on therapy to reduce some of those cancers."

The women also tended to be older, which Hogg said was good news since, with the advent of better therapy, HIV patients are living longer lives.

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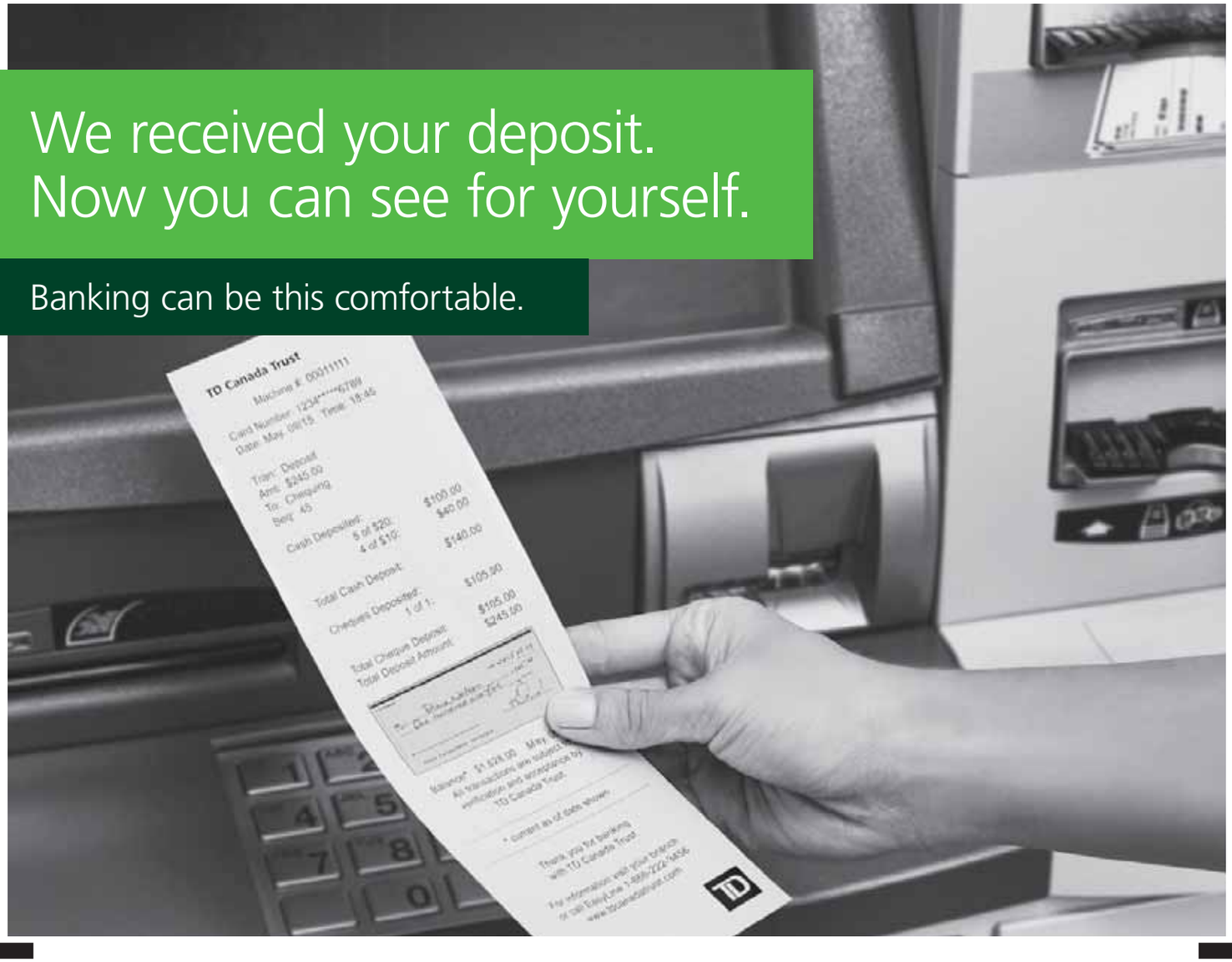

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B.C. sea wolves featured in National Geographic

WILDLIFE

Conservationist says subspecies needs to be protected

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia's sea wolves are ready for their close-up, and a local conservationist hopes the international attention the unique animals garner will help to protect them at home.

For the past 15 years, Pacific Wild co-founder Ian McAllister has been closely studying the wolves of B.C.'s great bear rainforest and say they're "unlike any other wolves in the world."

Known to swim between the countless islands off B.C.'s coast, the so-called sea wolves scour beaches for barnacle and roe to snack on, hunt seals and sea lions and can fish for salmon in streams.

McAllister says 90 per cent of their diet is dependent on the ocean and, unlike their larger terrestrial cousins, have adapted to thrive in their coastal marine environment. And now, they're getting their big break.

The animals are the focus of a feature in this month's edition of National Geographic, which sent a journalist and photographer out earlier this year to follow McAllister as he observes the wolves and warns of the risks B.C.'s wanton wolf culls and proposed tanker traffic — from the Northern Gateway pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas exports — could have on the populations.

An island pack devours a dead sea lion. Wolves can't catch sea lions and seals in the water — instead they swim out and snag them as they're hauled out on rocks. CONTRIBUTED/IAN MCALLISTER

Since discovering sea wolves in the early 2000s, McAllister has been trying to get the government to have them specially designated as an Evolutionary Significant Unit or protected subspecies, to no avail.

"There's not really any other publication, in terms of international reach and coverage of nature, to compare on to an issue like this," McAllister said of the National Geographic's significance. "I don't think most British Columbians know just how unique and distinct they are."

Because of the remoteness and scattered nature of their marine habitat, McAllister says sea wolves have largely been unaffected by human activity.

> **"I think there is a huge increase in awareness of what the B.C. government does towards wolves.**
> Ian McAllister, Pacific Wild co-founder

But he says the provincial government — with its controversial sanctioned wolf cull in a "Hail Mary attempt" to protect endangered mountain caribou inland and hardly any limits on hunting them — has put that population at risk with its treatment of wolves generally.

"I think there is a huge increase in awareness of what the B.C. government does towards wolves," said McAllister. "They're being systematically and cruelly hunted by helicopter … (Sea wolves) were so fortunate to be able to thrive in such an intact environment. They're highly intelligent and social animals, they deserve special designation."

On its website, Pacific Wild streams video daily from the Great Bear Rainforest and spokeswoman Michaela Montaner says the sea wolves and their pups make almost daily appearances on the organizations' field cam.

They're most active in the mornings between 6:30 and 9 a.m. and can often be seen playing with each other and fishing for salmon.

FINANCIAL FORECAST

Wildfire costs offset by taxes: De Jong

Finance Minister Mike de Jong says almost $400 million in forest fire costs singed the province's bottom line, but British Columbia remains in the black.

He says B.C.'s surplus has dipped $7 million from the forecast last February of $284 million, but the province is still on target to post a $277 million budget surplus in 2015.

De Jong says firefighting costs have hit $380 million, a huge leap from the $60 million forecast last year, but not enough to create a deficit.

He adds those bills are offset by stronger income tax and property revenues, which climbed $374 million.

De Jong calls B.C.'s economy "remarkably resilient" while other province's fortunes are declining. He says economic growth in this province is stable, with projections of a two per cent increase this year and 2.6 per cent next year, as B.C. is forecast to lead the country in growth in 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Mounties investigate multi-vehicle shooting

Surrey RCMP are investigating a possible shooting between two vehicles after witnesses called Monday afternoon to report a white-coloured Jeep chasing a black Corvette in the area of 132 Street and 89 Avenue. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Richmond man shot

A 20-year-old man has been treated and released from hospital after being shot in Richmond, according to RCMP. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

FIFA

Hotels full during World Cup: City

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

So many tourists flocked to Vancouver for the FIFA Women's World Cup, 99 per cent of hotel rooms in the city were booked on the night of the championship game, according to the City of Vancouver.

That's a record for the local hotel industry, according to a staff presentation made to city council on Tuesday.

And that wasn't the only thing to celebrate: The city's fan zone, which cost $1.3 million to operate, came in under budget and attracted 132,000 visitors, more than half from out of town. The province estimated the economic impact from hosting the tournament was $52 million.

The success left a "buzz" around the city, Mayor Gregor Robertson said, adding he hopes it will carry on during the World Rugby Sevens Series next year.

LAWSUIT

Pretrial staff sued by inmate

An inmate has filed a lawsuit against the B.C. government and corrections staff at the Surrey Pretrial Services Centre where he alleges his screams were ignored during a five-hour beating.

Daniel Cunningham said in his notice of civil claim that he was repeatedly punched, kicked and stomped on, and had his head forced into a toilet in an attempt to drown him.

Cunningham said two fellow inmates led him to a cell near a guard's desk before he was assaulted and knocked unconscious at least three times.

"He was forced to lick his own blood off the shoes of his attackers, and clean his blood off the floor and walls using his clothes," the court document said.

The former Red Scorpions gang associate, who is now in protective custody, said he suffered a brain injury, multiple broken bones, chipped teeth and facial lacerations as a result of the attack in June.

The lawsuit said other inmates on the unit yelled at the attackers to kill him but staff did not intervene until his cellmate activated an alarm from another cell.

Cunningham was remanded into custody in April on drug-trafficking charges and then remanded on robbery charges about three weeks later.

He pleaded guilty to the drug charges on June 11 and was sentenced to six months, which he served at the pretrial centre.

His notice of claim said he told the intake officer initially that he knew Red Scorpion gang members in H-unit, where he wouldn't mind being housed, but later said he didn't want to be "pulled back into that lifestyle."

The statement said he told the assistant deputy warden and a nurse that "if it became known that he intended to leave the lifestyle, he would be at risk of violence from members or affiliates of the Red Scorpions."

Cunningham was transferred to H-unit anyway on June 10, the day before being escorted to court in Abbotsford, where he pleaded guilty to drug-trafficking charges and received a six-month sentence.

Staff, including four officers on the two units, were aware or should have been aware of the assault but were negligent and failed to take action when he was missing for the inmate count, the court document states.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

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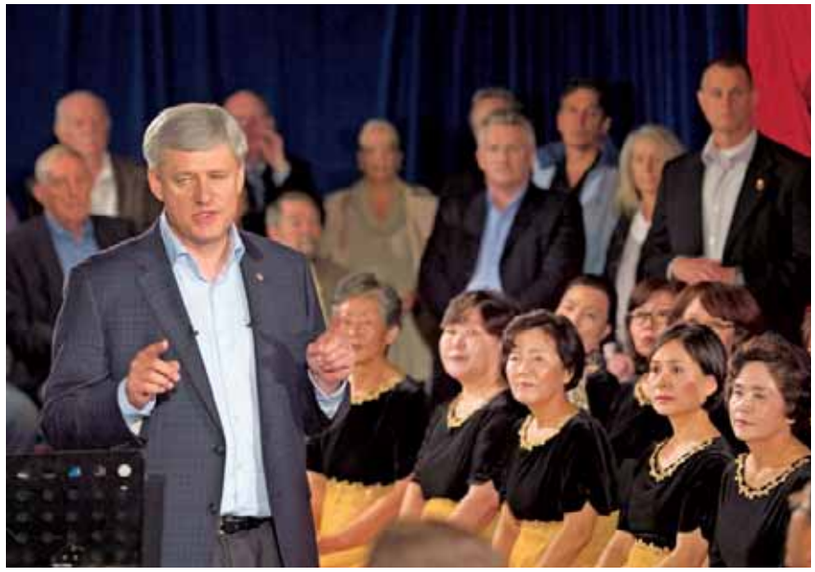
Harper riding high on surprise surplus

ELECTION 2015

But campaign stumbles over another Tory behaving badly



Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks to supporters during a campaign stop in North Vancouver on Tuesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Harper was hanging 10 on the crest of a surprise budget surplus Tuesday, showing off his fiscal bona fides as the federal election campaign prepared to convene in Calgary to debate the state of the Canadian economy.

But it wasn't all smooth surfing for the Conservatives: yet another would-be Tory MP took a tumble over inappropriate comments on social media.

Newfoundland and Labrador candidate Blair Dale was dropped over Facebook comments that were "incompatible with our party," said a spokesman.

Dale is the sixth Conservative to be shown the door since the campaign began Aug. 2.

Harper had a little spring in his step in Vancouver as he boasted about Finance Department numbers that show a $1.9-billion surplus in 2014-15 where once there was a predicted $2-billion shortfall.

Back on one of his favourite talking points, the prime minister mocked the fiscal-management chops of both Rachel Notley, Alberta's new NDP premier, and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau has criticized the surplus as the product of failing to spend adequately on vulnerable Canadians — an accusation the Conservatives deny.

The surplus was achieved in part by departments underspending their budgets by $8.7 billion — a tactic known as lapsed funding and one deplored by critics as spending cuts by stealth. The Conservatives had budgeted for $7.2 billion in lapsed funding but wound up with $1.5 billion more than anticipated.

Trudeau was in a contested southwestern Ontario riding Tuesday to promise $750 million for skilled-trades funding.

"You've seen your personal debt rising as your job prospects sink. You want to seek out better opportunities but you can't access the training you need," Trudeau told supporters and apprentices at a local plumber and pipefitter's union.

"Stephen Harper doesn't know what that's like. When he was first elected, Windows 95 was still two years away … (and) the cutting-edge way to apply for a job was to send in your resumé by fax."

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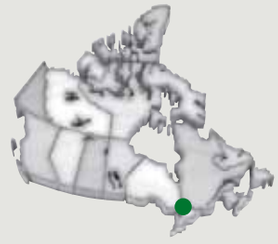

- **Stephen Harper** has no public events.
- **Justin Trudeau's** itinerary was unavailable.
- **Tom Mulcair** has no public events.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Guelph, Ont.

Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette CORETTE HARRINGTON/FACEBOOK

ALBERTA

Amber Alert called off after body found

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

RCMP called off an Amber Alert Tuesday night and confirmed the worst had happened, saying the remains of two-year-old Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette had been found.

Hailey was reported missing Monday, and later that day the body of her father, 27-year-old Terry Blanchette, was found in his Blairmore, Alta., home.

RCMP Supt. Tony Hamori said Hailey's body was found in a rural area near Blairmore during a police search Tuesday afternoon.

"Hailey's family has been notified, and we extended our deepest condolences to the family for the loss of Hailey and also for the loss of Terry," he said.

"This is a sad day for the investigators, citizens of Blairmore and all of the Canadians who hoped Hailey would be found and returned unharmed."

The Amber Alert was cancelled Tuesday night. A vigil was held in Blairmore shortly after.

Hamori said public assistance is no longer needed in locating a white van that police have been searching for and that the 22-year-old who was taken into custody by RCMP early Tuesday remains in custody for questioning.

Hamori said charges are pending and the suspect's identity will be made public after those charges have been sworn.

"The goal now is to complete the investigation into the death of Hailey and her father Terry," he said.

THE VIGIL

A candlelight vigil meant to lend hope and support in the search dissolved in grief Tuesday night. As an official with victims services announced the Amber Alert for little Hailey Dunbar-Blanchette had been cancelled, one young woman crashed into a friend's arms and sobbed. Others sniffed quietly and wiped away tears. Some just stood in stunned silence.

A group cocooned Hailey's grandmother in an embrace.

"This is the news that nobody wanted to hear," said Crowsnest Pass Mayor Blair Painter. "This is going to devastate our community and it's going to take us a long time to heal from this."

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ELECTION 2015

May a-twitter over debate exclusion

Elizabeth May is not letting the lack of an invitation keep her out of Thursday's election debate on the economy.

The Green party leader plans to muscle her way into the conversation — at least online — with the help of Twitter.

The party is teaming up with the social-media company to swiftly film and tweet May's video responses to statements by the three invited leaders.

The Globe and Mail newspaper has asked Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau to discuss economic issues Thursday evening at Calgary's Stampede Park.

May and her team will be hunkered down in a Victoria church with Twitter's Steve Ladurantaye, creating a steady stream of video remarks, retorts and reality checks.

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IN BRIEF

Court dismisses Tories' appeal regarding niqabs at citizenship ceremonies

The courts handed the Harper government another policy rebuke Tuesday when the Federal Court of Appeal quashed its attempts to ban face coverings at citizenship ceremonies.

But the Conservative campaign vowed to fight back, saying uncovered faces at such ceremonies were "consistent with Canadian values of openness, social cohesion and equality."

The latest chapter in the Conservatives' battle with the courts unfolded Tuesday when the Federal Court of Appeal dismissed the government's appeal of an earlier Federal Court ruling that said banning face coverings at such ceremonies was unlawful.

On Tuesday, the three justices ruled from the bench, saying they wanted to proceed quickly so that Zunera Ishaq, the woman who initially challenged the ban, can obtain citizenship in time to vote in the Oct. 19 federal election.

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INFLUENCE PEDDLING

Ruling delayed in trial of PM's former aide

A judge has reserved her decision in the case of Bruce Carson, a former top aide to the prime minister who is charged with influence peddling.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Bonnie Warkentin told the court she will announce Oct. 2 when she plans to release her ruling.

Crown prosecutor Jason Nicol said he expected the decision to be brought down anywhere from a few days after that procedural hearing to the beginning of November.

As his two-day hearing wrapped up Tuesday, Carson's lawyer said his client worked in 2010 and 2011 to help an Ottawa company sell water-treatment systems for First Nations communities.

"There's no question about that," Patrick McCann said.

But nothing in the Criminal Code prevented Carson from doing that, said McCann. He stressed that his client was lobbying First Nations communities, not the federal government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hungary declares state of emergency

EUROPEAN CRISIS

Migrants detained as border with Serbia sealed

Declaring a state of emergency, Hungary sealed off its southern border with Serbia on Tuesday and detained those trying to enter illegally, aiming to shut down the flow of migrants pouring in. Chaos ensued at the border, as hundreds of migrants piled up in a no man's land, and Serbian officials reacted with outrage.

Stuck for an unknown amount of time on a strip of road between the two countries' checkpoints, those fleeing violence in their homelands pitched tents and settled in. But frustrations were on the rise. As a police helicopter hovered above, migrants chanted "Open the border!" and shouted insults at Hungarian riot police. Some refused food and water in protest.

With a razor-wire fence completed along the Serbian border, Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said Hungary now also plans to extend the fence for "a reasonable distance" along its border with Romania. Both Serbian and Romanian governments decried Hungary's moves.

"Raising a fence between two EU member states who are strategic partners is not a fair gesture from a political point of view, according to the European spirit," Romania's Foreign Ministry said.

Serbia's foreign minister declared it was "unacceptable" that migrants were being sent back from Hungary while more and more were arriving from Macedonia and Greece.

"(Serbia) wants to be part of the solution, not collateral damage. There will have to be talks in the coming days with Brussels and other countries," Ivica Dacic said in Prague.

The turmoil at the Hungarian-Serbian border came a day after the 28-nation bloc failed to come up with a united immigration policy at a contentious meeting in Brussels. The ministers did agree to share responsibility for 40,000 people seeking refuge in overwhelmed Italy and Greece and spoke hopefully of reaching an eventual deal — next month or by the end of the year — on which EU nations would take 120,000 more refugees, including some from Hungary.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Austria called Tuesday for a special European Union summit next week to discuss the continent's immigration crisis.

Hungary, however, was not pinning its hopes on any action soon from Brussels or its neighbours. Tuesday's state of emergency in two southern regions gave authorities greater powers to deal with the crisis, allowing them to shut down roads and speed up asylum court cases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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People look through a border fence between Serbia and Hungary, Tuesday. Serbian and Romanian governments have decried Hungary's actions. ZOLTAN MATHE/MTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXODUS

Concerns raised over whether militants among border-crossers

When the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant lost control of a key crossroads town in northern Syria in June, some militants shed their jihadi garb and blended in with the flood of Syrians fleeing across the Turkish border.

Since then, the exodus of Syrians and Iraqis toward Europe has surged — and Europeans opposed to taking in more refugees say that more than ever, they fear "disguised terrorists" in their midst.

Governments along the route have different assessments of the threat. Two senior Iraqi officials and a Syrian activist say a small group of hardened ISIL extremists is believed to have left the war zones of Iraq and Syria to blend in with the masses of asylum seekers in recent weeks.

Intelligence officials in France and Germany expressed skepticism, saying they have no specific evidence. The Soufan Group, a security consulting firm, said Monday that some infiltration was probable but the extent of the danger was unknowable, making it "susceptible to exaggeration and exploitation."

The disarray of Europe's asylum procedures in the face of thousands of applications has heightened worries, although security experts say Europe is at far greater risk from homegrown ISIL sympathizers with valid European travel documents and the means to plan an attack.

Leaders of countries opposed to taking in the refugees routinely cite the fear as one of their primary reasons. The concerns are fanned by lines of exhausted refugees, bedraggled families walking northward along railroad tracks, and trains carrying refugees between countries with minimal or no identity checks, straining a system already near the breaking point. U.S. intelligence officials are worried Europe's disorganized response will let terrorists to circumvent checks.

"We don't obviously put it past the likes of ISIL to infiltrate operatives among these refugees," Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said Sept. 9. He said the U.S. is aggressively screening the small number of Syrian refugees it has accepted, but is not so sure every European country is using similar vigilance.

A top Iraqi intelligence official said 20 ISIL fighters from Syria and Iraq, trained and selected by senior ISIL operatives, are believed to have slipped into Europe in recent weeks to plan attacks. The chaos of the mass movement northward "is a chance that will never be repeated," he said. The official declined to say where the men were believed to have landed or whether they are co-ordinating with each other, but said the Iraqi government is working with European authorities to trace them and learn their plans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRITICISM

Marc Trevidic, until recently a top French terrorism judge, criticized a group of French mayors who said they would give priority to Christian refugees because of fears of disguised terrorists. "Because there is a risk that a few people among the migrants may be from (ISIL), we should do nothing?" he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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North Korea touts nuclear upgrades

With a big anniversary drawing near, North Korea declared Tuesday it has upgraded and restarted all of its atomic fuel plants — meaning it could possibly make more, and more sophisticated, nuclear weapons.

The statement, coming just a day after it said it is ready to conduct more rocket launches any time it sees fit, has heightened concerns the North may soon either conduct a launch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLITICS

Australia's new PM sworn in

Australia's new Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, was sworn into power on Tuesday and took charge of a bitterly divided government.

He will carry the weight of expectations that he can lift public opinion, reform a flagging economy and steer the nation towards a more moderate course on issues inclusive of climate change and gay marriage.

But charting a more centrist course is proving difficult to balance with holding together his riven administration and its wary right wing faction.

Turnbull became Australia's 29th prime minister after his conservative Liberal Party colleagues voted 54-44 Monday night to replace PM Tony Abbott only two years after his election.

Turnbull's elevation has reinforced a culture of disposable leaders as the new norm in Australian politics since the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister John Howard ended in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hewlett-Packard's spinoff to cut up to 30,000 jobs

Hewlett-Packard says its upcoming spinoff of its technology divisions focused on software, consulting and data analysis will eliminate up to 30,000 jobs. The cuts announced Tuesday will be within the newly formed Hewlett Packard Enterprise, which is splitting from the personal computer and printing operation. HP has been jettisoning tens of thousands of employees during the past few years to help boost its declining profits as a technological shift from computers to smartphones and mobile devices reduced demand for many of its products.
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Debt rising at slower pace, new study finds

Canadians are still adding to household debt, but at a slower pace than earlier in the year, according to a new study from Equifax. Debt rose two per cent in the second quarter after rising 2.7 per cent in the first quarter. Total consumer debt now amounts to $1.568 trillion, with the average debt load, excluding mortgage, totalling $21,164. Albertans top the list, with an average of $27,313 per person. Equifax says Canadians are adding to debt to buy new cars.
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Lisa Harper is CEO of the American women's wear chain, which opened its first location outside the United States in Ontario earlier this month. COURTESY TORRID/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Torrid taps plus-size market

CLOTHING

U.S. retailer eyeing Alberta and B.C. after Toronto foray

While some shoppers may struggle to locate garments in a specific style or colour, Ashlie Callender faces an even greater obstacle: finding clothes that will fit her curvy frame.

"Regular stores, they go up to extra large sometimes, and that's really like a (size) 10 maybe. So if it's a stretchy material, I can get away with it," said the 24-year-old college student.

Callender joined dozens of shoppers who jammed Torrid's new location in Toronto Eaton Centre for the grand opening of its first store outside of the U.S.

Three more Torrid stores are set to open in the Toronto area this fall, joining homegrown plus-size retailers Addition Elle and Penningtons, both under the banner of Montreal-based Reitmans Canada Ltd.

The plus-size brand is already familiar to Canadians, who account for more than half of Torrid's international business online, said CEO Lisa Harper.

The retailer has more than 280 stores across the U.S. and ships to more than 150 countries. Torrid is a full-service apparel and accessories shop offering separates, denim, handbags and footwear.

Harper said the company expects to open about 10 stores in Canada in 2016, and has been eyeing British Columbia, Calgary and Edmonton as potential expansion sites.

Torrid is seeking to help fill a sizable void in Canadian retail for full-figured consumers.

A 2013 report from the NPD Group found that plus sizes represent 32 per cent of the "special size" clothing category, which also includes tall, petite and junior. Two-thirds of plus-size women reported shopping for larger clothes was more stressful than shopping for traditional sizes, with limited merchandise cited among the main causes.

> **You do have to pay a premium for clothes that are plus-sized.**
> Sandy Silva

"Coming from the wholesale side of the fashion business, you do have to pay a premium for clothes that are either plus-sized or petite," said Sandy Silva, director of fashion and beauty at the NPD Group. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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metro's election explainer

Who's the new man steering the Tory ship?

Strategist, political consultant, campaign adviser... whatever you call it, the Conservative party has a new one: Lynton Crosby. He's a household name in political households. But what will he bring? And why did the party hire him so late in the game?

The wizard from Australia

In his home country, Crosby led the centre-right Liberal Party to victory in 1998 and 2001. His messaging targeted voters wary about the number of asylum seekers arriving on the country's shores. He's known as a master of "dog-whistle" politics: Using code words to win support from people with disreputable, but commonplace, views, such as anti-immigration sentiments tinged with racism. Later Crosby added wins for Conservative U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron and London, U.K. Mayor Boris Johnson to his CV.

The work ahead

Paid consultants are a relative rarity in Canadian politics, says University of Waterloo political science professor Anna Esselment. Party insiders tend to fill that role, she says, but outside expertise might be called if a campaign seems to be flagging. "I expect (Crosby) is giving a high-level assessment regarding Conservative messages, their target audiences, and how to effectively change the channel to matters that the Conservatives want to talk about," Esselment says.

Fresh blood

Why find a new captain when a campaign's already out to sea? Conservative sources told The Canadian Press that some in the party were frustrated with its slapdash response to the Syrian refugee crisis. Esselment gave three possible reasons for the hire: It could be a warning to opposition that Tories are about to get aggressive, a move to gain credibility from a "legend," or a response to internal strife. (Some former top brass, such as Nigel Wright, have been tarnished by the trial of Senator Mike Duffy).

Turning the tide

Whether changing course mid-campaign will work remains to be seen, Esselment says. "The type of messages Harper delivers, and the negative advertising ... over the next couple of weeks will likely tell us whether Crosby's hand is helping to steer the ship."

The election explainer is dedicated to keeping urban Canadians informed ahead of the Oct. 19 vote. Look for it in this space throughout the campaign. Let us know what needs explaining: readers@metronews.ca

URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

I'm in Toronto for the film festival. I'm hoping to meet some celebrities. Any advice for striking up a conversation?

Dear Ellen,

I'm from Calgary but I'm in Toronto for the Toronto International Film Festival, and I'm hoping to meet some celebrities while I'm here. Do you have any advice about how to meet celebrities, and how to politely strike up a conversation if I do meet a celebrity?

JJ

I well understand the urge to meet celebrities — I used to have it myself. Fifteen years ago, I would have sold my soul for just one hour of being stuck in an elevator with Owen Wilson, figuring that was all I'd need to start up a polite, witty, enchanting conversation that would soon make him realize I was the perfect woman for him — a *real* woman, wholesome and nice, and Canadian, but also creative and interesting, and a refreshing change from the boring, glamorous Hollywood starlets he was probably tired of meeting.

I also had platonic crushes on directors like David O. Russell and Jane Campion, and writers like Dave Eggers or Colm Toibin, where the fantasy was less about romance and more about how we'd mind-meld over scripts and collaborative projects that would lead to international prizes for all of us in between amazing, legendary parties.

But eventually my celebrity obsession was cured, thanks to intensive rehab that took a decade and consisted of interviewing celebrities of all ages and persuasions for various newspapers and magazines. Even though I met some truly nice (Stephen Colbert) and exquisitely polite (Conan O'Brien) celebs along the way, I *don't* want to meet any more: It's too disappointing. They never measure up to the brilliant characters one falls in love with onscreen. Nobody could. Those characters are a construct — of both their skillful making, and of one's own cockeyed projections.

In fact, I now go out of my way to avoid meeting even the celebrities I love, like Rachel McAdams and Mark Ruffalo.

In my fantasies, adorable Rach and I are best friends, while sexy, rumpled, intelligent, kind, manly Mark is my next husband. But in real life, recently, both of them were shooting a scene for the movie Spotlight in my building. And when the location manager invited me to meet them, I declined and stayed away until they cleared out. Partly because I didn't want to be disappointed by their all-too-real selves; partly because I knew the last thing they would want to do during a long day was make polite chitchat with a stranger harbouring delusional thoughts about them.

All of which leads me to say: Go for it if you must. Haunt the red carpets and clubs and restaurants, watch Twitter for celebrity sightings, and feel free to approach any star you can get close to.

Yes, it's a bit forward to foist yourself on someone without being introduced. But remember that part of every celebrity's job at TIFF is to deal with you, the public. And I have no doubt that you, JJ, as a faithful reader of this column, will be polite and respectful in all your encounters.

If and when you meet a star, you may or may not be disappointed. Who knows — you may get stuck in an elevator with him/her/them and end up getting married ... or whatever. In which case, please write back and let us know!

Need advice? Email Ellen
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metroview

Millennials aren't turned off by politics. It's the voting system.

Dan Darrah
For Metro

Youth aren't politically apathetic, says a new study, they're just not voting. For many young Canadian activists, this finding is a breath of fresh air.

A Samara Research report, released last week, looked at 18 political activities other than voting — e.g., volunteering for candidates or causes, giving political speeches, protesting, and discussing politics on social media — and found that Canadians younger than 30 participate in them at higher rates than those older than 30.

This isn't the usual narrative surrounding millennials. It's a welcome acknowledgement of the work of student groups and other youth movements.

Using the voting rate as a measure of youth engagement is like using season-ticket sales as a measure of interest in the NFL. There's a lot more to take into account.

Even among millennials who do vote, voting is often seen as one part of the overall activism package. Our votes serve to elect the government that will most optimally act as an avenue through which we can create change.

Still, the fact remains that we aren't voting as much as other age groups. One reason I've come up with is that we've simply lost faith in our first-past-the-post electoral system.

Let's imagine a prospective voter — call him Ben — who works at Whole Foods and cares deeply about the environment. Ben wants to vote for the Green party because he wants the Green candidate in his urban riding to be elected. But, because he's informed and engaged, he knows the Green candidate won't be elected. And the alternative — to vote "strategically" against his worst-case scenario — isn't likely to get him excited.

We might say to Ben what many say to millennials who have no reason to believe that their preferred candidates will be elected: "That's life, kid." But I'd argue we'd be better served by looking closely at how voting works.

Fair Vote, an organization advocating electoral reform, recorded that of the more than 14 million votes cast in the 2011 election, seven million served to elect no one (like Ben's hypothetical vote for the Greens). That means about 50 per cent of Canadian voters elected 100 per cent of the MPs.

In contrast, Fair Vote found that in New Zealand, which uses a proportional-representation system, 97 per cent of voters elected MPs.

In this context, Samara's research speaks for itself: It's not politics that turns us off — it's our winner-take-all electoral process. And saying youth are apathetic tiptoes around the fact that systemic change is needed. We don't need to be the scapegoats for institutional issues older generations have ignored. We need proof that our votes will be meaningfully represented. When that happens, the youth vote will be a lethal electoral force.

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"Margaret Atwood poured a bottle of beer over Al Purdy's head the very first time they met because he called her an academic. I mean, never a truer word was said. And then he went out and peed on her car tire."
– Brian D. Johnson, journalist and filmmaker, Al Purdy Was Here

More than just bagels

Montreal's abundance of dining options makes trying them all on a short trip a daunting task. Here are a few one-stop spots where you can taste an array of culinary delights KATE HOBSON/FOR METRO

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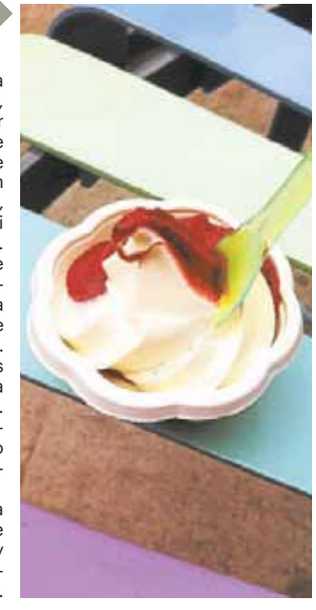
First Fridays Food Truck Event 1

Every first Friday, May through October, up to 48 food trucks assemble at Olympic Park. Many of the trucks are offshoots of prominent restaurants, serving up specialties catered for takeout.

Stop at Lucky's Truck for La fameuse duck confit poutine, drenched in a rich confit sauce of red wine and foie gras; Grumman '78 for their banh-mi taco, barbecue pork topped with daikon carrot salad and a slightly sweet sauce.

Finish your day at Crémy Pâtisserie with a lemon honey crueller — the tartness of the lemon balances the sweet sugary glaze of this doughnut. **(4545 Avenue Pierre-de Coubertin)**

Mile End Food Tour 2



Local Montreal Tours offers a tasting trek around Mile End, a neighbourhood known for its culinary diversity. The tour starts at La Panthère Verte for a falafel filled with lightly pickled vegetables, sprouts, spices and tahini sauce in a house-made pita.

At Chocolats Geneviève Grandbois, all of the goodies are handmade with a serious commitment to the quality of the ingredients. The caramel chocolate is flavoured with a little vanilla and a sprinkle of fleur de sel.

The taste adventure includes bagels, fine tomato sauce, cured meats and artisanal ice cream.

The Mile High tour is a truly unique food adventure packed with lots of history and background information on each establishment.

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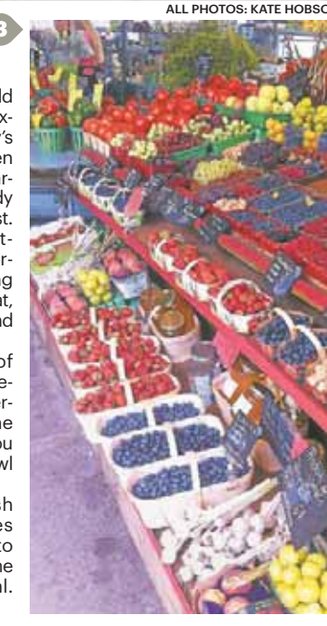

No trip to Montreal would be complete without exploring one of the city's farmers' markets. Open since 1933, Atwater Market in the Little Burgundy area is one of the oldest. Open year round, Atwater is home to a variety of vendors offering fresh local produce, meat, cheese, baked goods and specialty products.

Grab a selection of cheeses from Fromagerie Atwater, stop by Terrines & Pâtés for some game terrine like caribou blueberry or guinea fowl hazelnut.

Pick up some fresh bread and preserves and you'll be all set to enjoy a picnic along the nearby Lachine Canal. **(138 Avenue Atwater)**

TREND

Grandma's cooking now for hire in Paris

Parisians can now have a grandma or grandpa come to their home to cook them comfort food from their youth. YOUTUBE/AFP

Parisians homesick for their grandmother's inimitable ratatouille and Sunday roast chicken can now rent out a substitute stand-in through a recently launched personal chef service that will send a 'mamie' to their kitchen to whip up an old-fashioned home-cooked meal.

After moving to Paris from the south of France, founder Alizé Delbes says she found herself homesick for her grandmother's cooking.

And despite its reputation as the gastronomic capital of the world, Delbes said she was unable to find a restaurant that could evoke the memories and nostalgia of her mamie's veal blanquette and chocolate mousse. That led to Lou Papé, a site created to bring authentic, French dishes into the homes of local Parisians in search of comfort foods from their childhood.

The concept is simple: The host can choose from a selection of chefs and their proposed menu. After sorting out the details — date of dinner party, venue and number of guests — the chef will prep, cook and serve the meal in the host's home.

Cleanup is also included.

So far, the selection of chefs is small.

There's Beatrice, 60, who says cooking has always been a favorite pastime and boasts training with the prestigious Institut Paul Bocuse in Lyon.

Similarly, Catherine, 58, says she's an avid cook and has also completed a cooking course at the same cooking school.

Two 'papies' or grandpas round out the selection.

If language isn't a big issue, Paris-bound travelers in search of a truly authentic French meal may want to consider booking a 'Beatrice' or 'Jean-Jacques' if staying in a short-term vacation rental with a kitchen. AFP

When in France, nosh like the locals

TRAVEL

Follow these tips for the tastiest trip

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada

Theresa's raspberry bombe birthday cake from L'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon. THERESA ALBERT/METRO

I spent my birthday in Paris!

For 15 years I have been promising my daughter I would take her to Paris. I spent the last five years saving for it, and three years planning. The city hasn't changed much since my first visit as a teen except that maybe there is more English spoken in the streets — and I have learned more about food.

In particular, I now know where and how to eat. Here are a few tips:

Take a bicycle tour from Bike About Tours (bikeabouttours.com) at the start of your trip. They will take you off the beaten path and at the end of the tour they will email you a list created by the guides (who all live in Paris) of favourite places to eat and drink. Unfortunately they make us swear to not share this list, so you'll have to go yourself to find the best places.

Try to avoid bistros that are on the corner or that say they serve "tout à l'heure" These tend to cater to tourists. The locals still eat between noon and 2 p.m. and 7 and 10 p.m.

Upon arrival order "une carafe d'eau pour la table." Not only will it save you up to 10 bucks for bottled water, it will signal to the server you are not a total touriste.

When you get your bread, it is to be eaten with your hands and placed on the tablecloth. Typically, there is no butter served but they will bring some if you ask.

If you are looking for the prix fixe Michelin star experience without the crazy expense, consider going for lunch. The menu is often similar but the price is half that of dinner. My actual birthday lunch was at l'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon on Champs Élysées.

For 44 euros, I enjoyed four courses — a soup with a smoky clear broth consommé with oyster mushrooms and a plump shrimp and a small quenelle of caviar floating.

And for the main course, sweetbreads in a demi-glace,

Theresa and her daughter enjoying the sights of Paris. THERESA ALBERT/METRO

Chanterelle mushrooms and a side of mashed potatoes. I had cheese for dessert, but then was surprised by a raspberry bombe.

DRINKS

The controversial case of Campari

Peter Rockwell
For Metro Canada

Some liqueurs can be as polarizing as an Instagram post by Kim Kardashian.

Weird and wonderful flavour profiles are par for the course in the liqueur world, with many evolving from centuries-old recipes based on fruits, botanicals and exotic seasonings.

Italy's Campari ($23.99-$27.98) is a perfect example of a beverage that really needs more than one sip before you make up your mind if you like it or not.

Falling into the "bitters" family, Campari was invented in Milan back in 1860 from a secret blend of 60 herbs, spices and neutral spirit.

While its dark red colour looks tasty enough, Campari is a bitter punch to the palate if taken without mix, which is why it's an integral part of classic cocktails like the Negroni and Americano.

I enjoy it most with a simple splash of soda water which tempers the bitterness and, creates an appetite-enhancing mixer that's my go-to pre-dinner drink whether I'm eating Italian or not.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

ANNA JONES

'New Nigella' offers modern indulgence

She's worked for Jamie Oliver, been compared to Yotam Ottolenghi and been dubbed "the new Nigella" by the Sunday Times. Anna Jones is quickly becoming the modern vegetarian's go-to cookbook author.

Now she has released A Modern Way to Cook: Over 150 Quick, Smart and Flavour-Packed Recipes For Every Day.

"The more I cook simply — easy pastas, quick hearty salads and all-in-one gratins — the more I realize that food doesn't need to be posh, complicated or made from far-flung ingredients to do us good," she says.

Here's one of 150 recipes in this vegetable-focused book.

You can cheat and use soft tofu and the Chocolate + Earl Grey Pots will still be great. HANDOUT

Chocolate + Earl Grey Pots
(Makes 4 to 6)

- 100 mL boiling water
- 1 Earl Grey tea bag
- 300-g (10-oz) package silken tofu, drained
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 100 g dark chocolate, chopped + more for grating
- 5 Tbsp pure maple syrup
- Maldon or another flaky sea salt

In small measuring cup, pour boiling water over tea bag. Let steep as long as you can, at least 10 minutes, before discarding tea bag.

Wrap tofu in clean tea towel. Wring out as much moisture as you can. Place in food processor. Add steeped tea and vanilla. Process on high until smooth.

In medium stainless steel bowl set over pot with several inches gentling simmering water, combine 3.5 oz (100 g) chopped chocolate and maple syrup. Whisk until melted and smooth. Add to tofu mixture. Process on high until smooth.

Spoon pudding mixture into 4 to 6 small ramekins, pots, mugs or bowls. Refrigerate at least 1 hour to firm up a little.

To serve, garnish with coarsely grated chocolate (grated using cheese slicer, vegetable peeler or other grater) and flaky salt. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Navigation company TomTom announces 3D lane map for an entire country — Germany

Fiat's throwback is a thrill

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REVIEW

500 Abarth offers 6-speed automatic for the first time

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

Retro-styled cars are fun, and it's even better when they have the performance to match. That's the case when you opt for the Abarth version of Fiat's 500, especially when it's the 500C Cabrio that I tested, which gives you a sliding canvas roof for an almost-a-convertible experience.

While the Abarth previously only came with a five-speed manual transmission, the 2015 version is also available for the first time with a six-speed automatic. Die-hard stick-shift fans may resent its inclusion, but it's a really nice unit that doesn't take anything away from the car's fun factor. Power changes slightly depending on the transmission: you get a bit more horsepower with the manual unit, but more torque — the twisting force that gets you moving off the line — with the automatic. Hit the throttle, and the 500 Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.

> **Hit the throttle, and the 500 Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.**

The steering is sports-car heavy, but the car responds quickly and accurately. My car had optional gloss-white wheels with Pirelli P-Zero summer tires, and they stick like glue when cornering. Despite its diminutive size, the car feels firmly planted on the highway, although a tighter turning circle would make it a bit easier to manoeuvre in close quarters.

The retro styling continues inside with a metal-look painted dash and chrome accents. It's very roomy up front, but while there is a rear seat, there's almost no legroom back there, and it's best for small children or adults willing to fold themselves up for a short ride.

The sliding roof moves electrically to three positions, starting with a sunroof-sized opening and finally folded down at the very back. A portion of the steel roof remains in place, since the canvas is a panel that slides inside it, and the car feels tight and rigid, with no squeaks. It also didn't leak when I took it through a car wash.

The 500C Abarth is pricey for its size, but compared to the base Fiat, you're paying for a sportier suspension, bigger brakes, and sharp handling. It looks like it's fun, and it is.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 FIAT 500C ABARTH

THE BASICS

Type. Two-door, four-passenger subcompact convertible
Engine (hp/torque). 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder (160/170 with manual; 160/183 with automatic)
Transmissions. 5-speed manual/6-speed automatic
Price. $29,495 (base); $33,550 (as-tested), plus destination

COOL FEATURES

- Alpine premium audio
- High-back sport seats with optional leather
- Aluminum pedals
- Flat-bottom steering wheel with perforated leather and contrasting stitching
- Rear parking assist
- Available side stripe and contrasting mirror caps
- Dual exhaust with chrome tips

JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

POINTS

- The Abarth uses the same engine as the 500 Turbo, but is tuned for more power, along with its Abarth-specific suspension and brakes.
- Hitting the "Sport" button adjusts the automatic's shift points and adds rev-matching, and also changes the digital speedometer's number to italics.
- The sport exhaust adds a unique sound that's fabulous on acceleration, but it can drone at consistent speeds.
- Premium fuel gives better performance, but the engine will run on regular.

MARKET POSITION

While enthusiasts prefer stick shifts, most buyers choose automatics. By offering both, Fiat could potentially open up this relatively low-volume model to a larger audience, especially since overall performance doesn't suffer.

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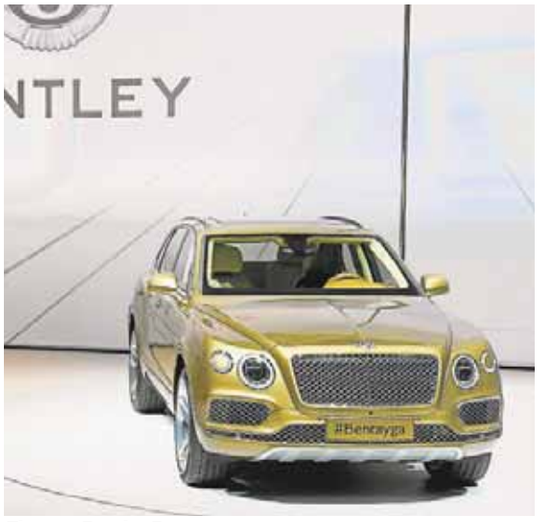
3 MAJOR THEMES AT THE FRANKFURT AUTO SHOW

A rise in demand for cars in the U.S. and Europe is lifting automakers' spirits as they prepare to open the Frankfurt International Motor Show to the general public on Saturday. The 66th edition runs through Sept. 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple's CarPlay. APPLE INC.

1 New tech

Carmakers are preparing to fend off tech companies like Google and Apple from dominating the market for services to Internet-connected cars. Those new businesses could include real-time navigation that automatically plots routes around slippery conditions, or it could be a parking place finder. The question is who will build the systems and reap the profits — and how? Analysts say carmakers may have to band together to come up with common platforms and shared systems.



The new Bentley Bentayga. JENS MEYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Riding high

Luxury SUVs are a thing this year. High-priced brands are looking to expand their model range and find ways to tap the lucrative end of the market. Bentley, the luxury brand owned by Volkswagen, has its Bentayga, which combines stylish touches such as the classic large Bentley front grille and a choice of 15 interior leather colours with off-road features such as a front skid plate and aluminum roof rails. The company is touting not just luxury but power and speed; the vehicle has 608 horsepower and a top speed of 301 km/h. Jaguar has the F-Pace, which uses chassis underpinnings from its sports cars that are aimed at providing sharper handling for the company's first entry into the SUV race.

3 The rest of us

Mass-market carmakers face brutal competition in the market for more basic transportation. Renault is showing off the fourth generation of its Megane with a slightly wider stance and shorter overhangs to give it a sportier look, and offers a GT performance version immediately at sales launch. GM's redesigned Opel Astra should be sprightlier after losing up to 200 kilograms in weight compared to its predecessor. Its entertainment system supports both the Android Auto and Apple CarPlay standards, enabling drivers to use their smartphone messaging and navigation functions through the car's dashboard display.

GM's Opel Astra. OPEL/GM VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2014 DODGE JOURNEY SXT

The 2014 Dodge Journey SXT is a great pick for families on a budget. Useful interior storage solutions,smart touchscreen interface, A/C, power and heated mirrors, AUX audio input and USB with external media control.

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2014 KIA RIO SX

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2010 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL

An excellent choice for families who want minivan-like functionality along with classy styling and a luxurious interior. It offers Sleek design inside and out. Smooth and quiet ride. All three rows are spacious, ample cargo space!

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2013 KIA SOUL 2.0L 4U LUXURY

The 2013 Soul 4u Luxury comes well equipped, fun to drive and great on gas. Safety inspected. It includes 2.0L 142 hp and 131ft-lb engine, leather seats, air conditioning, cruise control, power group.

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2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA

The 2013 Hyundai Elantra offers a 148hp and 131ft-lbs of torque engine. Air conditioning, power locks, power and heated mirrors. Leather trim accents. Bluetooth. USB connection. 6 Speaker sound system.

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The 2010 Hyundai Santa Fe is a commendable mid-size crossover SUV choice with an attractive interior. It offers A/C, auxiliary audio input and USB external media control, Bluetooth.

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In the loop (the loop) at Frankfurt

AUTOPILOT

Bentley gets sporty, Jaguar defies gravity at auto show

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

The Jaguar F-Pace set a 360-degree loop record.
JAGUAR VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Off-roading Bentley

Bentley just introduced its first SUV this week at the Frankfurt auto show, and not a moment too soon.

Like a lot of people, I have been lamenting for years on why someone didn't offer a vehicle costing more than $200,000 that could get up a dirt hill. Why were we stuck with just affordable options, like 4x4 pickups, Jeeps and other mainstream SUVs, for our dirt-hilling activities?

It just wasn't fair. Why did it always have to be so affordable to have a little bit of off-road fun? What if you needed to make a Kardashian impression on the way up that dirt hill, or at the top? The auto industry put a group of very privileged people in a very tough spot with their behaviour over the years. Think of how challenged were those buyers, trying to option their Range Rovers or Mercedes-Benz G Wagons into a price level more akin to their perceived net worth.

So thank you Bentley, for recognizing the injustice here, and coming to the rescue of this long-suffering group of buyers, by unveiling this ultra high-end sport utility, which for some reason you're calling Bentayga (rolls off the tongue, like bad caviar).

For those interested, some pertinent info … 600-hp, 12-cylinder engine. All-wheel drive. Very sumptuous five-seat cabin. Volkswagen owns Bentley; the Bentayga is built off of the group's MLV Evo platform currently utilized for Audi Q7 and Porsche Cayenne. Bentayga's main rival should be the forthcoming SUV from Rolls-Royce.

Loopy Jaguar

Jaguar also introduced its first SUV at Frankfurt, and did so in super dramatic fashion. British stunt driver Terry Grant drove a Jaguar F-Pace in a 19.08-metre loop, similar to a Hot Wheels loop, only much bigger. The stunt set a Guinness World Record for largest ever "loop the loop."

Jaguar F-Pace will be considerably more affordable than the Bentley Bentayga. No Canadian prices yet, but $43,385 US will be its base price south of the border. F-Pace is rendered from the same all-aluminum architecture as the new Jaguar XE midsize sedan, which should get here before the F-Pace.

Magic carpet Honda

Any auto show these days is sure to be filled with more self-driving technologies and Frankfurt will not be an exception, so you know Honda was saying something by creating the Project 2&4 concept and showing it off in Germany at this juncture in the automotive history timeline.

Project 2&4 is a weird and wonderful antidote to the self-driving movement.

It's actually half car/half motorcycle, designed to combine the most engaging driving elements of both forms. It has no "cabin" at all, just a driver's cockpit suspended over the road, to grab as much driving intensity as possible. The mid-ship mounted 215-hp V4 motorcycle engine assures a low, low centre of gravity and an outrageous power-to-weight ratio.

Project 2&4 is actually the winning entry of Honda's annual in-house Global Design Project contest, which is designed to inspire creativity, and get team members engaged and passionate about a single project, to further the concept of Team Honda. Well done, Team Honda.

Honda's Project 2&4 concept. CONTRIBUTED

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Carmakers pledge auto-braking

U.S. MARKET

Major firms agree to install technology as standard feature

Major global carmakers pledged Friday to install auto-braking technology as a standard feature for vehicles sold in the U.S. market, government and safety officials announced.

The technology, which is already an option on some cars, uses on-vehicle sensors to detect a possible collision and applies brakes if the driver fails to respond to warning sounds.

Because human error and driver distraction are key factors in many road accidents, the auto emergency braking (AEB) technology is expected to substantially reduce rear-end collisions and other accidents.

AEB technology is expected to reduce rear-end collisions and other accidents. ISTOCK

"We are entering a new era of vehicle safety, focused on preventing crashes from ever occurring, rather than just protecting occupants when crashes happen," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, making the announcement at an event hosted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"But if technologies such as automatic emergency braking are only available as options or on the most expensive models, too few Americans will see the benefits of this new era."

Ten automakers, whose cars account for more than half the U.S. market, agreed to make the auto-braking technology a standard feature: Audi, BMW, Ford, General Motors, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Tesla, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

"The evidence is mounting that AEB is making a difference," said insurance institute president Adrian Lund.

"Most crashes involve driver error. This technology can compensate for the mistakes every driver makes because the systems are always on alert, monitoring the road ahead and never getting tired or distracted."

Lund said several studies including one from the institute shows the auto-braking technology can reduce insurance injury claims by as much as 35 per cent.

> **We are entering a new era of vehicle safety, focused on preventing crashes from ever occurring.**
> U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx

The announcement did not include a specific timetable for deployment of the new systems. Transportation officials said they would be urging the other carmakers to join the pledge to make the technology standard as soon as possible. AFP

TOYOTA LEADS

Record production, sales in world car market

The global production of vehicles increased by 2.7 per cent to 89.9 million units in 2014, a new record, according to data from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers.

Over this period, Toyota remained the manufacturer that produced the most cars.

As well, more new cars were sold in 2014 than in any other year (a little over 65 million).

China yet again dominated the ranking for new vehicle registrations of new individual cars, with a market share at 30.3 per cent.

Here is the Top 10 biggest international car manufacturers (in millions of cars produced in 2014):

1. Toyota: 10.4750
2. Volkswagen: 10.093
3. GM: 9.609
4. Hyundai: 8.009
5. Ford: 5.970
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Blue Jays wilt in Hotlanta

MLB

Braves snap home losing streak in walk-off style

For the first time in three weeks, the Atlanta Braves celebrated a home victory.

"We've been struggling to get wins lately," shortstop Andrelton Simmons said. "We've been playing better, but getting the win is pretty big."

Simmons' tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning snapped a 12-game home losing streak and Atlanta beat the AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Toronto still has a three-game lead after the New York Yankees lost 6-3 at Tampa Bay. The Blue Jays, despite the majors' best record since the all-star break, have lost two straight.

The Braves ended the longest home skid in franchise history, winning at Turner Field for the first time since Aug. 24, against Colorado. Overall, they are 15-46 since July 8.

"I know we've been losing a lot," starting pitcher Julio Teheran said. "But it's something we have to put away and just concentrate day by day."

Aaron Sanchez (7-6) took the loss, allowing four hits, one run and striking out one in 1-1/3 innings. The right-hander had runners on second and third with one out when Simmons drove the ball through the right side of the infield.

Simmons was hitless in his previous three at-bats and had grounded into two double plays.

"I was a little down on myself right there, but fortunately guys kept giving me opportunities," Simmons said. "I finally got one."

Andrelton Simmons of the Braves is doused after hitting a walk-off single against the Blue Jays on Tuesday night in Atlanta. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

TUESDAY In Atlanta

BRAVES	BLUE JAYS
3	2

Arodys Vizcaino (3-1) faced the minimum in the ninth to earn the win.

Blue Jays sluggers Josh Donaldson and Jose Bautista went a combined 0-for-8 with four strikeouts. First baseman Edwin Encarnacion, Toronto's other big bat, missed his second straight game with an injured finger.

"The story was we didn't score," said Toronto manager John Gibbons, whose team leads the majors with 203 homers. "Bottom line is we win when we score. We didn't score enough tonight."

Justin Smoak drew a leadoff walk in the second inning and Toronto took the game's first lead on Cliff Pennington's RBI single. Smoak's 16th homer, a solo shot to start the sixth, made it 2-2.

Mark Buehrle struck out two and gave up six hits, one walk and two runs — one earned — in five innings.

Brett Cecil pitched a perfect sixth for Toronto, his 25th consecutive scoreless inning, most by an AL reliever this year.

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ARMS SHUFFLE

Manager John Gibbons has moved RHP Drew Hutchison to the bullpen as RHP Marcus Stroman moves into the five-man rotation. Hutchison is 13-4 but has a 5.33 ERA in 27 starts.

IN BRIEF

Gagne's playing days over

Simon Gagne announced his retirement Tuesday after playing 14 NHL seasons, winning the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings and capturing a gold medal with Canada at the 2002 Olympics.

Gagne, whose time in the league was plagued by injuries, still put up 291 goals and 310 assists in 822 career regular-season games for the Philadelphia Flyers, Kings, Tampa Bay Lightning and Boston Bruins.

The left-winger was a major contributor to the Flyers' run to the 2010 Cup final, scoring two game-winning goals as Philadelphia erased a 3-0 series deficit to beat the Bruins.

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Adidas replaces Reebok as NHL's jersey supplier

Adidas will take over production of NHL uniforms beginning in the 2017-18 season, and it's unclear just how many changes will come as a result.

The NHL announced a seven-year deal with Adidas to be its on-ice uniform supplier and also to serve as outfitter for next year's World Cup of Hockey. Commissioner Gary Bettman repeatedly shot down speculation about the announcement opening the door for advertisements on jerseys and said he didn't think they would go through a major redesign.

"We're not looking to revamp our jerseys," Bettman said on a conference call.

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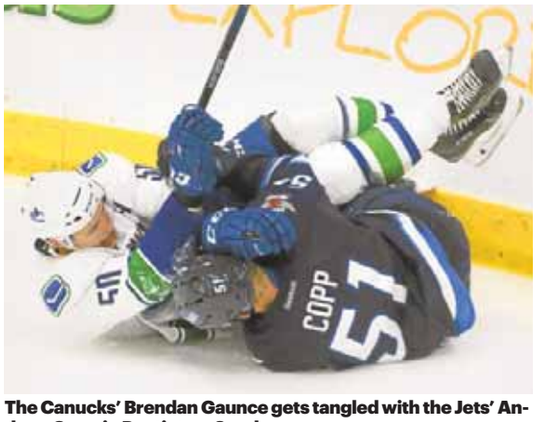

The Canucks' Brendan Gaunce gets tangled with the Jets' Andrew Copp in Penticton, Sunday. JEFF BASSETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CANUCKS

Gaunce, Virtanen impress in Penticton

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The Vancouver Canucks roster at the concluded Young Stars Classic in Penticton included a trio of first-round draft picks, but it was Brendan Gaunce who was first singled out for his strong play, in the mind of general manager Jim Benning.

"I thought the first two games he played real solid. When we talked about the lineup … as kind of a reward, give him the night off," said Benning on Monday.

Gaunce entered the tournament as one of the more experienced forwards in the Canucks camp.

Selected in the opening round of the 2012 draft, Gaunce had one year of professional hockey under his belt in the AHL.

His improvement from the start of last season to the end has been well documented, especially considering his move from centre to the wing.

He scored in the tournament opener against Edmonton and was mostly a handful for opposing defenders on the forecheck.

Jake Virtanen GETTY IMAGES

Jake Virtanen, the 19-year-old forward from Abbotsford selected sixth overall in 2014, capped off his tournament with the overtime winner.

After jolting Connor McDavid to the ice with a clean hit on Friday, Virtanen was able to shrug off a slow start to Monday's game and was one of Vancouver's more dangerous forwards in the final two periods.

"He was physical the first game and these last two games, he's handling the puck and taking it to the net and playing a power forward-style of game," said Benning.

United's nightmare Euro return

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

PSV's Moreno scores after breaking Luke Shaw's leg

TUESDAY In Eindhoven

2	1
PSV	MAN. UTD

Manchester United squandered a lead to lose 2-1 at PSV Eindhoven and had left back Luke Shaw carried off with a broken right leg on an unhappy return to the Champions League on Tuesday.

Shaw required oxygen while he was taken off on a stretcher after being hurt by a two-footed tackle from Hector Moreno tackle in PSV's area in the 15th minute. Images showed Shaw's right foot was bent at a 45-degree angle and United said after the match that Shaw "suffered a double fracture of the leg."

"It is awful," United manager Louis van Gaal said. "When he came into the dressing room, he had an oxygen mask and was crying."

Memphis Depay, signed from PSV this summer, gave United the lead in the 41st minute of the Group B match by dribbling between two defenders and shooting through the goalkeeper's legs.

Moreno equalized in the lengthy period of first-half stoppage time — caused by his challenge on Shaw — with a header that deflected in off United defender Daley Blind. Luciano Narsingh's 57th-minute goal secured victory for the Dutch champions, who were the top seeds in the group but arguably the weakest team out of United, Wolfsburg and CSKA Moscow.

For United, the disappointing result of its first Champions League match in 17 months will be overshadowed by the injury to Shaw, whose displays this season demonstrated why the club made him one of the world's most expensive teenagers by signing the then-18-year-old in the summer of 2014 for $46 million.

Hector Moreno of PSV Eindhoven scores the equalizer against Manchester United. Moreno earlier broke Luke Shaw's leg with a two-footed tackle. DEAN MOUHTAROPOULOS/GETTY IMAGES

"Defeat hurts," United goalkeeper David de Gea said, "but Luke Shaw's injury hurts even more." Shaw was running into the PSV penalty area when he was felled by a challenge from Moreno. He was clearly in pain as he fell to the ground and there was a delay of about eight minutes as medical staff attended to him on the pitch.

Not even a foul was awarded and United would have felt a sense of injustice when Moreno rose in the second minute of stoppage time to head in a ball that flicked off Blind and into the net. "When I say it's a penalty and a red card, I'm a bad loser," Van Gaal said of Moreno's tackle on Shaw. "It was a bad tackle with two legs."

A brilliant piece of skill from Depay earned United the lead. The Dutch winger cut inside from the left, weaved between two tacklers and finished low with his left foot.

Depay has been saving his best displays for United for the Champions League, scoring twice against Bruges in the qualifying playoff. Shaw was replaced by Marcos Rojo and the Argentina international's slack defending led to PSV's winner. A floated cross from the left by Maxime Lestienne went over the head of Rojo and was met by Narsinghe, who nodded in. Juan Mata wasted United's best chance at an equalizer, miscontrolling with the goal gaping after being found by Bastian Schweinsteiger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cook time: 12 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
Sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp grated ginger root
- 1 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 2 tsp sesame oil

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp oil
- 2 cups sugar snap peas, sliced in half
- 2 tsp black and white sesame seeds

Directions
1. Sauce: Combine sugar, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and sesame oil. Set aside.
2. Dust chicken with cornstarch. In a large skillet, add oil and sauté chicken just until cooked through to about 160 F for about 10 minutes. Cut into one-inch pieces.
3. Wipe out skillet, spray with vegetable oil and sauté snap peas just until bright green and still crisp about two minutes. Add dressing and chicken and stir fry just until sauce slightly thickens. Place in serving dish and garnish with sesame seeds.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 320
- Protein 32 g
- Carbohydrates 27 g
- Fibre 4 g
- Total fat 9 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Cholesterol 115 mg
- Sodium 570 mg

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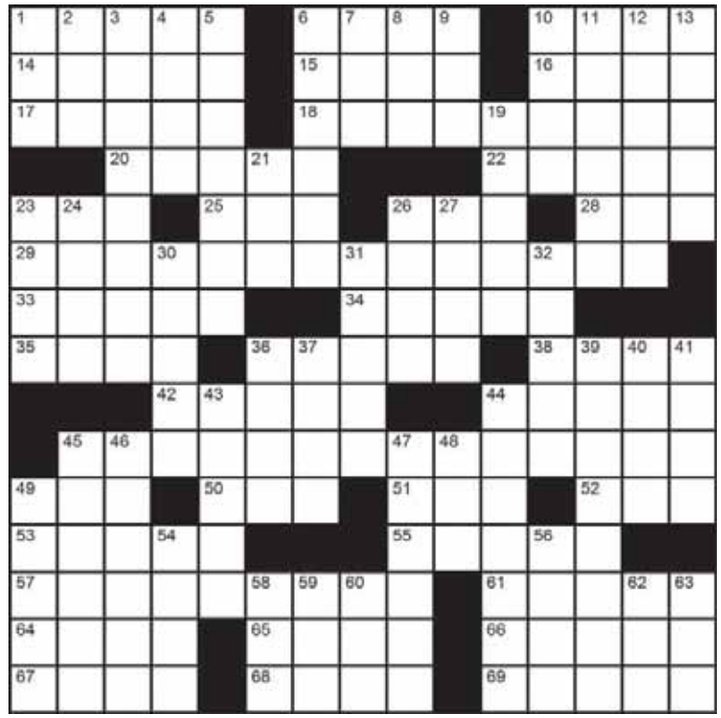
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. The real deal
6. Macklemore & __ Lewis
10. Marianas island
14. Sidestep
15. Roof's overhang
16. Formerly
17. R.U.R. playwright Mr. Capek
18. Star Wars furry fellow
20. Major airline in The States
22. Embellish
23. Chill
25. 'Garlic' in Gaspe
26. Fall from grace
28. Away
29. Romantic setting for two in a quaint restaurant: 2 wds.
33. Bay window
34. __ prosequi (Not proceeding, in law)
35. Sort of tide
36. Transferred image, such as a non-permanent tattoo
38. Alphabet sequence
42. City of canals in Japan
44. Three member groups
45. After supper chore: 2 wds.
49. Jack, to Ozzy
50. Previous
51. Nonverbally agree
52. Names like Larry's character on "Dallas"
53. Industrial city in Germany
55. Sporty clothing fabric
57. To that matter, archaically
61. Oars-wielding one
64. The Yukon, e.g.
65. Dracula's one-of-two
66. Arm bones
67. Bits of food
68. Aware/privy: 2 wds.
69. Orange flavourings

DOWN
1. Currency in Albania
2. Little __ ('60s songstress)
3. Evergreen shrub with large white blossoms
4. Notion, in Montreal
5. __-__ book (Revealing celebrity read)
6. Remember
7. Derisive shout!
8. Portage in Winnipeg, e.g.
9. Hot off the press
10. Prod
11. Not hip
12. Grow, as bank interest
13. Intended
19. Commonplace
21. Affiliation
23. Desktop symbol
24. Attention
26. Ancient portico
27. "__ cost you!"
30. Terminus
31. Machu Picchu inhabitant
32. Oft-quoted baseball legend Yogi
36. Willy Wonka's creator Roald
37. Laboriously got by
39. Nickname for Newfoundland's capital that has a unique spelling: 2 wds.
40. Roadie's gig
41. Mail org. in The States
43. Elegant biscuit
44. 2016 U.S. Presidential candidate born in Canada in 1970: 2 wds.
45. __ salt (Seasoning sort)
46. Shopping sales magazine added to a newspaper
47. Iconic train symbol created by Toronto-born graphic designer Allan Fleming (b.1929 - d.1977): acr. + wd.
48. Moviedom's Myrna
49. Brief but heated squabble
54. Goes astray
56. Character's function
58. Spaceship sort, shortly
59. Grandma
60. Mtn. blaster
62. Dine
63. Web feed syst. for updates

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your ideas may be amazing but unless you find practical ways of applying them to your everyday affairs they won't do you much good. All you need is one simple idea that can be consistently applied — then you'll find fame and fortune.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something you begin over the next few days could change your life in remarkable ways, so stop dithering and start living the dream.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Not everything will go the way you want but things that work out right will far outnumber those that don't. A dispute can now easily be resolved — if you are willing to say sorry first.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Because recent months have been hectic for you there were a number of things you wanted to do but never quite got round to. Now you can begin to move in a more agreeable direction. Focus only on what brings a smile to your face.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The successes and triumphs of late could still easily be reversed, so don't start thinking you no longer need to make an effort. Don't slow down just before the final chapter.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Before the Sun leaves your sign on the 23rd there will be one or two more surprises. Make the most of your opportunities.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Get your head around what you need to change to make your life more complete. Be practical — don't let idle daydreams lead you astray.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Are you delighted with what you have achieved? Or are you saddened because you wasted so many opportunities? Either way, do not get worked up about it. You will always get another chance.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The way you react to problems is important today. If you criticize others too harshly then you must expect to make yourself unpopular — and most likely make matters worse. Strive to see the good in everyone.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Open your eyes to new possibilities. Too often in the past you have been content to let life come to you, but now you must push yourself forward at every opportunity. Success comes to those who dare.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Over the next few days you should take any and every opportunity to rest, recuperate and recharge. When the Sun changes signs on the 23rd it will be all go again so save yourself for then.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your brain will be buzzing with big ideas. But are they practical ideas? For best results you should limit yourself to one or two objectives.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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